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Title: **METHOD FOR CONTROLLING AND REGULATING A  
TRANSMISSION BRAKE IN AN AUTOMATIC MOTOR  
VEHICLE TRANSMISSION**

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In re: Volker Bachmann, et al : DECISION ON REQUEST  
Serial No.: 10/563,417 : UNDER 37 CFR 5.25  
Filing date: 22 February 2006  
Docket No: ZAHFRI P803U

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IN AN AUTOMATIC MOTOR VEHICLE TRANSMISSION

In view of the communication(s) filed 18 January 2007 2007, it has been determined that a retroactive license for foreign filing under 35 U.S.C. 184 be granted with respect to the filings listed below. The petition complies with 37 C.F.R. 5.25 in that there is an adequate showing that the subject matter in question was not under secrecy order, that the license was diligently sought after discovery of the proscribed foreign filing, and that the material was filed abroad without the required license under 37 C.F.R. 5.11 first having been obtained through error and without deceptive intent.

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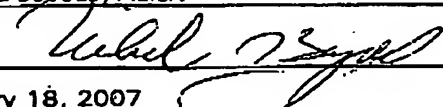
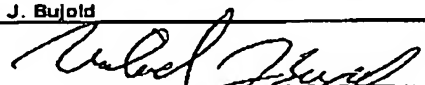
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<b>TRANSMITTAL FORM</b> (to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)	Application Number	10/563,417
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	First Named Inventor	Volker BACHMANN, Mario STEINBORN, Rudolf KALTHOFF and Anthony Robert SAYMAN
	Group Art Unit	3681
	Examiner Name	Fax: (871) 273-8300
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Docket : ZAHFRI P803US

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**RESPONSE**

In response to the Decision on Request under 37 CFR 5.25, mailed December 5, 2006, in which the Petition for a Retroactive Foreign Filing License was denied for the reasons set forth in that Decision, the Applicant hereby requests reconsideration of the previously filed Petition for a Retroactive Foreign Filing License in view of the attached new Declaration.

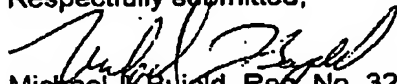
As indicated in the Decision, the Petition was denied by the Examiner because there was no "showing that the foreign filing license was diligently sought after the discovery of the proscribed foreign filing." Upon reviewing the previously filed Declaration, a typographical error was noted in that Declaration. That is, the filing date of the Application in the United States actually occurred on January 4, 2006, instead of January 4, 2005, as misstated in the previous Declaration. Thus, the time between the filing date of January 4, 2006 and the filing date of the Petition for a Retroactive Foreign Filing License, February 6, 2006 was just over one (1) month and not over one (1) year as was suggested by the prior Declaration. The enclosed newly signed Declaration corrects this error and the Applicant hereby requests reconsideration of the previously filed Petition for a Retroactive Foreign Filing License at this time.

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## DECLARATION

I, Ludger Ronge of ZF Friedrichshafen AG, am the attorney most knowledgeable with the facts and circumstances concerning the following and hereby declare as follows:

ZF Friedrichshafen AG received a disclosure concerning the above identified application and a patent application was prepared from the same and filed in Germany on July 5, 2003 and given Patent Application No. 103 30 517.3.

This subject matter was also subsequently filed as PCT Application No. EP2004/006145 on June 8, 2004, claiming priority from German Patent Application No. 103 30 517.3.

Within the thirty (30) month term, my company, ZF Friedrichshafen AG, instructed our U.S. agent to complete the national stage formalities of PCT Application No. EP2004/006145 in the United States and, upon filing this application on January 4, 2006, our U.S. agent inquired as to whether the Assignee, ZF Friedrichshafen AG, had first obtained a foreign filing license for this subject matter in view of the U.S. inventor. As no foreign license was applied for or obtained before the corresponding German and the PCT applications were filed, the Assignee, ZF Friedrichshafen AG, is now seeking a Petition for Retroactive License under 37 C.F.R. § 5.25.

The subject matter for which the Petition for Retroactive License is being sought was not under a secrecy order, at the time it was filed abroad, and it is not currently under a secrecy order.

That upon discovery of the need for a foreign license, it is respectfully submitted that a foreign license is being diligently sought.

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That as the undersigned representative of the Assignee, ZF Friedrichshafen AG, in charge of filing this subject matter, I did not appreciate that the naming of a U.S. inventor, with German inventors, necessitated the need to first obtain a foreign filing license from the United States Patent Office before filing this subject matter abroad, and it is respectfully submitted that such foreign filing of this subject matter abroad occurred, without first obtaining the required license under § 5.11, through error and without any deceptive intent.

The undersigned declares further that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of this application or any patent(s) issuing thereon.

Date:

January 18, 2007Ludger Ronge

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Please find attached a communication from the Examiner regarding the  
Petition for Retroactive License under 37 CFR 5.25.





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This is a decision on the petition filed on 22 February 2006 for a retroactive foreign filing license.

37 CFR 5.25(a) requires the following:

1. A listing of each of the foreign countries in which the unlicensed patent application material was filed,
2. The dates on which the material was filed in each country,
3. A verified statement (oath or declaration) containing:
  - i. An averment that the subject matter in question was not under a secrecy order at the time it was filed abroad, and that it is not currently under a secrecy order,
  - ii. A showing that the license has been diligently sought after discovery of the proscribed foreign filing, and
  - iii. An explanation of why the material was filed abroad through error and without deceptive intent without the required license under § 5.11 first having been obtained, and
4. The required fee ( § 1.17(h)).

The petition is **Denied** at this time per 37 CFR 5.25(a)3iii, the verified statement fails to provide a showing that the foreign filing license was diligently sought after discovery of the proscribed foreign filing. The U.S. application was filed 04 January 2005 according to the declaration signed by Ludger Ronge, but applicant did not file for a petition for a retroactive foreign filing license until over a year later 22 February 2006.

Accordingly, the provisions of 37 CFR 5.25 not having been fully met, the petition is denied, and in the absence of any response within **60 days** of the mailing date of this letter, such denial will be

made final and the final action under 35 U.S.C. 185 will be taken. Extensions of time may be had under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a).

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**NOTE (FACSIMILE):** "Petitions for a foreign filing license pursuant to 37 CFR 5.12(b), including a petition for a foreign filing license where there is no corresponding U.S. application (37 CFR 5.13): 571 273 0185 facsimile number." See "New Patents Central FAX Number and Updated Lists of Exceptions to the Centralized Delivery and Facsimile Transmission Policy for Patent Related Correspondence", 1296 OG 76, July 12, 2005.

### PETITION FOR RETROACTIVE LICENSE (37 CFR 5.25)

**NOTE:** See M.P.E.P. § 140, 6th ed., rev. 3.

#### 1. Petition

It is respectfully requested that this petition for license for foreign filing attached hereto be granted retroactively under the provisions of 37 CFR 5.25.

#### 2. Previous Licenses ☐ applicable ☒ not applicable

Attached are copies of

- ☐ previous licenses  
☐ the filing receipt license

**CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.8(a) and 1.10\***  
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**3. Material filed abroad without a license**

Attached is a copy of the material that was filed abroad without a license for foreign filing.

**4. Identification of Inventor(s), title of invention and, if applicable, details of corresponding U.S. application**

Inventor(s) name(s): Volker BACHMANN, Mario STEINBORN, Rudolf KALTHOFF and  
Robert Anthony SAYMAN  
Title of Invention: METHOD FOR CONTROLLING AND REGULATING A TRANSMISSION BRAKE  
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(complete the following, if applicable)

In re application of: Group No.:  
Application No.: 10/563,417 Examiner's Name:  
Filing Date: January 4, 2006

**5. Foreign Countries and dates of filing of material for which retroactive license requested (37 CFR 5.25(a)(1))**

With respect to the material for which a retroactive license is requested, each foreign country in which the patent application material was filed and the date it was filed is as follows:

<u>Foreign Country</u>	<u>Date</u>
Germany (DE103 30 517.3)	July 5, 2003
PCT (PCT/EP2004/006145)	June 8, 2004

**6. Verified Statement(s)**

Also attached hereto are the verified statement(s) of:

Ludger Ronge

which confirm(s) that, in accordance with 37 CFR 5.25(a)(3)(i)-(iii),

(Petition For Retroactive License (37 CFR 5.25) [22-5]—page 2 of 3)

- (a) the subject matter in question was not under a secrecy order at the time it was filed abroad, and that it is not currently under a secrecy order;
- (b) the license is being diligently sought after discovery of the proscribed foreign filing; and
- (c) an explanation of why the material was filed abroad through error and without deceptive intent without the required license under § 5.11 first having been obtained.

NOTE: See 37 CFR 5.25(a)(4).

**7. Fee (37 CFR 1.17(g)—\$200.00)**

The fee for this petition for retroactive license is paid by

- ☒ Attached is a ☒ check ☐ money order in the amount of \$200.00
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Date:

January 25, 2006

Ludger Ronge

